

ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2289
ONALASKA, TEXAS 77360
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ONALASKA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
March 16, 2026
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Onalaska Independent School District met for a Regular Board meeting on **Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**, at the OISD Administration Office located at 134 N FM 356 Onalaska Texas 77360. Roll was called and the following were present:

Board Members

- Candice Davies, President
- Karina Roberts, Vice President
- Kimber Stolley, Secretary
- Kaitlyn Griffin, Member
- Ben Wilkins, Member
- Jake Ard, Member
- Chris Topkins, Member

Staff Members

- Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Superintendent
- Dr. Geoffry Bowdon, Assistant Superintendent
- Angela Foster, Business Manager
- Crystal Byrd, OES Principal
- Cheryl Bertsch, OJSH Principal
- James Ard, Auxilary Director
- Ashley Maichetti, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

Guests

- Aaron Johnson, Pogue

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Candice Davies, President
Invocation was given by Chris Topkins, Member
Pledge was given in unison.

1. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Kaitlyn Griffin to adopt the Agenda, as presented.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

2. Aaron Johnson with Pogue Construction presented a Bond High School Project update.
3. NA
4. No one spoke during open forum.
5. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Jake Ard to approve the minutes of previous meetings February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting and March 9, 2026 Special Called Meeting.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

6.
 - A. Crystal Byrd, OES Principal, gave an update on her campus upcoming events and information on the selected Spotlight Staff and Students.
 - B. Cheryl Bertsch, JSHS Principal, gave an update on her campus upcoming events and information on the selected Spotlight Staff and Students.
 - C. Angela Foster, Business Manager, presented an updated finance report.
 - D. Dr. Geoffery Bowdoin, Assistant Superintendent, presented an update on Bluebonnet Curriculum implementation.
 - E. Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Superintendent, presented an updated enrollment and attendance report and data on students locations after departure from OISD.
7. Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Chris Topkins to approve the consent items as presented, February 2026 Tax Report and Budget Amendments (02-12 Title II, 02-15 TitleIV, 02-16Title I, 02-11 title V, 01-03 Special Ed, 02-18 Carl Perkins, 02-17 IDEA B).

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

8. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Ben Wilkins to accept a termination agreement of a Chapter 21 contract employee.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

9. Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Kaitlyn Griffin to approve travel plans for OISD Robotic Team to compete in St. Louis for World Robotics Competition 2026.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

10. Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Chris Topkins to accept the certification of unopposed candidates, thereby canceling the May 2, 2026 election for unopposed positions number four, seven, five and two in accordance with TEC 2.051-2.053.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

11. Motion was made by Kaitlyn Griffin, seconded by Jake Ard to approve the filing of a report from Dr. Kenneth Fraga regarding SB546, 3 point seat belt cost analysis. The District has 20 buses, 10 of which have the required 3pt seatbelts. 1 bus has 2pt seatbelts and 9 buses do not have any harness. Cost to retrofit is estimated at \$35,000 or \$350,000 total and stands to void existing warranties.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

12. Motion was made by Kaitly Griffin, seconded by Karina Roberts to approve an agreement with Interquest Detection Canines of Southeast Texas for the 2026/2027 school year.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

13. Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Ben White to approve and adopt the 2026/2027 school year calendar as presented.

| For | Against |
|----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |

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| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

14. The Board entered into Closed Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act at 6:17 p.m.

- A. Discussion of new hires
- B. Discussion of resignations/retirements.
- C. Discussion on contracts for Assistant Principals, Counselors, Instructional Coaches and Instructional Support Specialist.

15. The Board Reconvened for motions, voting or official actions at 6:59 p.m.

A. Motion was made by Kaitlyn Griffin, seconded by Jake Ard to approve the hiring of Joshua Meeker for Middle School Principal.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

B. Motion was made by Kaitlyn Griffin, seconded by Karina Roberts to accept the resignation of Kim Joubert effective at the end of the school year.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

B. Motion made by Ben Wilkins, seconded by Chris Topkins to reject the resignation of Cheri Salbeck.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |
| Cadice Davies | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against

C.Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Kaitlyn Griffin to approve the hiring for Assistant Principals, Counselors, Instructional Coaches and Instructional Support Specialist as presented.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Candice Davies | |
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Jake Ard | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

16. Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Ben Wilkins at 7:01 p.m.

| For | Against |
|-----------------|---------|
| Kimber Stolley | |
| Karina Roberts | |
| Candice Davies | |
| Chris Topkins | |
| Kaitlyn Griffin | |
| Ben Wilkins | |
| Jake Ard | |

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

Candice Davies, President

Kimber Stolley, Secretary

Date